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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 September 2004.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) 1-83,85-90 and 92-94 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☒ Claim(s) 80-83,85-90 and 92-94 is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) 1-33,35-46 and 48-79 is/are rejected.

7)☒ Claim(s) 34 and 47 is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
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6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. **Claims 1-83, 85-90** and **92-94** are pending in this action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC ' 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. **Claims 1, 2, 4, 11, 12, 14, 21-23, 25, 35, 36, 38, 48-54, 56, 64-69, 71** and **79** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hall et al* (U.S. Patent 5,703,623) in view of *Shouen* (U.S. 5,619,231), and further in view of *Balakrishnan* (U.S. 6,115,028).

Regarding **independent claims 1, 11** and **21**, and for **claims 4** and **14**, *Hall* teaches an invention that relates to the field of position and orientation-sensing devices embedded into a handheld remote pointer or mouse adapted for use as a cursor or object control device (column 4, lines 3-6) for interactive systems which provides X, Y and Z axis signal processed output (column 5, lines 34-48).

Furthermore, *Hall* teaches a designation means having a light emission device for designating a three-dimensional position by teaching a high intensity infrared light emitting diode (4) (hereinafter: LED1) mounted under a card 1' such that LED1 acts as the link between the device and a receiver mounted in a computer (column 6, lines 62-67 through column 7, line 1, figure 2 at 1', 4).

Furthermore, *Hall* teaches a pair of Hall-effect sensors (6) and a pair of piezoelectric sensors (9) which provide the primary yaw, pitch and roll angular detection and bearing sensing capability of the device wherein microprocessor (8) interprets the individual signals from the sensors and the button and relays the control signals to the receiver via infrared LED1 (4) (column 7, lines 3-23, figure 2 at 4, 6, 8, 9).

However, *Hall* does not teach how to calculate and determine the three-dimensional position in three-dimensional coordinates of a position based on a positional relationship between a position of the designation means and a position of the coordinate input device. On the other hand, Shouen teaches this concept by teaching the position and operation of a multi-dimensional e.g., three-dimensional (see Abstract) mouse body 1 on an optical reflection plate 6 wherein the position of the light-emitting and detecting unit 17e of the multi-dimensional mouse body 1 corresponds to the mouse cursor position a1 (xa, za) on the display, and the position of the light-emitting and detecting unit 17f corresponds to the mouse cursor position b1 (xb, zb) on the display such that when the multi-dimensional mouse body 1 is rotated and moved, <u>the positions of the light-emitting and detecting units 17e and 17f are moved to the coordinate points a2 (xa', za') and b2 (xb', zb')</u>, respectively (*see* column 6, lines 38-53, figure 4b at 1, 17e, 17f; *see generally* column 6, lines 30-57, figure 4a, 4b). <u>The movement amounts of the light-emitting and detecting unit 17e are then **computed** as (xa-xa') and (za-za'), respectively</u> (column 6, lines 50-53, 4b).

Thus, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine Hall and Shouen's inventions because while Hall teaches an invention that relates to the field of position and orientation-sensing devices embedded into a handheld remote pointer or mouse

having a light emission device for designating a three-dimensional position, a pair of Hall-effect sensors (6), and piezoelectric sensors, Shouen teaches how to calculate and determine the three-dimensional position in three-dimensional coordinates of a position based on a positional relationship between a position of the designation means and a position of the coordinate input device (*see generally* column 6, lines 30-57, figure 4a, 4b). The motivation for combining these inventions would have been to provide a multi-dimensional coordinate input apparatus which can carry out, in a simple manner, the inputting of coordinates on each plane in the multi-dimensional space, and the inputting of a rotational angle or inclination of each plane (column 1, lines 59-63).

However, neither Hall nor Shouen teach a means for inputting an <u>absolute</u> three-dimensional position in three-dimensional coordinates. On the other hand, Balakrishnan teaches this concept by teaching an invention that is directed to a system for inputting three-dimensional (3-D) coordinates for a three-dimensional model (column 1, lines 5-15) wherein <u>**absolute position control** is provided as one of the possible mappings</u> (column 8, lines 22-37; column 7, lines 41-50, figure 8 at 108, 110; column 3, lines 63 through column 4, lines 11).

Thus, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine Hall, Shouen and Balakrishnan's inventions while the combination of Hall and Shouen teach how to calculate and determine the three-dimensional position in three-dimensional coordinates of a position based on a positional relationship between a position of the designation means and a position of the coordinate input device (*see generally* column 6, lines 30-57, figure 4a, 4b), Balakrishnan teaches a means for inputting an <u>absolute</u> three-dimensional position in three-dimensional coordinates (column 8, lines 22-37; column 7, lines 41-50, figure 8 at 108, 110;

column 3, lines 63 through column 4, lines 11). The motivation for combining these inventions would have been to provide a system that allows the ease of use and position control of a mouse but does not require the need for the separate actions to control the third dimension as in the mouse (column 2, lines 20-24).

Furthermore, Balakrishnan teaches how to transfer the absolute three-dimensional position to the host device by teaching how the absolute coordinates are chosen (column 7, lines 41-50) such that the computer system 104 reads the coordinates and tilt from tablet 108 and then converts the coordinates and tilt three-dimensional cursor position wherein the coordinates are **provided** to a conventional display process which moves the cursor accordingly (column 7, lines 52-58, figures 1 & 9 at 104).

Regarding **independent claims 22, 35** and **48,** and for **claims 25** and **38,** *Hall* teaches an invention that relates to the field of position and orientation-sensing devices embedded into a handheld remote pointer or mouse adapted for use as a cursor or object control device (column 4, lines 3-6) for interactive systems which provides X, Y and Z axis signal processed output (column 5, lines 34-48).

Furthermore, *Hall* teaches a designation means having a light emission device for designating a three-dimensional position by teaching a high intensity infrared light emitting diode (4) (hereinafter: LED1) mounted under a card 1' such that LED1 acts as the link between the device and a receiver mounted in a computer (column 6, lines 62-67 through column 7, line 1, figure 2 at 1', 4).

Furthermore, *Hall* teaches a pair of Hall-effect sensors (6) and a pair of piezoelectric sensors (9) which provide the primary yaw, pitch and roll angular detection and bearing sensing capability of the device wherein microprocessor (8) interprets the individual signals from the sensors and the button and relays the control signals to the receiver via infrared LED1 (4) (column 7, lines 3-23, figure 2 at 4, 6, 8, 9).

Also, *Hall* teaches a photoreception device by teaching a high intensity light emitting diode 4 (LED1) which acts as the link between the device and a receiver mounted in the interactive control unit, TV or computer (column 6, lines 62-67 *through* column 7, line 1, figure 2 at 4).

Furthermore, *Hall* teaches a calculation means by teaching piezoelectric sensors that when used in conjunction with Hall-Effect sensors, calculates the angular vector and allows translational and rotational orientation information to be accurately discerned (column 9, lines 21-29).

Furthermore, *Hall* teaches how to synchronize light from the light emitting device and the LED1 by teaching a microprocessor (8) that interprets the individual signals from the sensors and the button and relays the control signals to the receiver via infrared LED1 (4) (column 7, lines 3-23, figure 2 at 4, 6, 8, 9).

However, *Hall* does not teach how to calculate and determine the three-dimensional position in three-dimensional coordinates of a position based on a positional relationship between a position of the designation means and a position of the coordinate input device. On the other hand, Shouen teaches this concept by teaching the position and operation of a multi-dimensional e.g., three-dimensional (see Abstract) mouse body 1 on an optical reflection plate 6

wherein the position of the light-emitting and detecting unit 17e of the multi-dimensional mouse body 1 corresponds to the mouse cursor position a1 (xa, za) on the display, and the position of the light-emitting and detecting unit 17f corresponds to the mouse cursor position b1 (xb, zb) on the display such that when the multi-dimensional mouse body 1 is rotated and moved, <u>the positions of the light-emitting and detecting units 17e and 17f are moved to the coordinate points a2 (xa', za') and b2 (xb', zb')</u>, respectively (*see* column 6, lines 38-53, figure 4b at 1, 17e, 17f; *see generally* column 6, lines 30-57, figure 4a, 4b). <u>The movement amounts of the light-emitting and detecting unit 17e are then **computed** as (xa-xa') and (za-za'), respectively</u> (column 6, lines 50-53, 4b).

Thus, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine Hall and Shouen's inventions because while Hall teaches an invention that relates to the field of position and orientation-sensing devices embedded into a handheld remote pointer or mouse having a light emission device for designating a three-dimensional position, a pair of Hall-effect sensors (6), and piezoelectric sensors, Shouen teaches how to calculate and determine the three-dimensional position in three-dimensional coordinates of a position based on a positional relationship between a position of the designation means and a position of the coordinate input device (*see generally* column 6, lines 30-57, figure 4a, 4b). The motivation for combining these inventions would have been to provide a multi-dimensional coordinate input apparatus which can carry out, in a simple manner, the inputting of coordinates on each plane in the multi-dimensional space, and the inputting of a rotational angle or inclination of each plane (column 1, lines 59-63).

However, neither Hall nor Shouen teach a means for inputting an absolute three-dimensional position in three-dimensional coordinates. On the other hand, Balakrishnan teaches this concept by teaching an invention that is directed to a system for inputting three-dimensional (3-D) coordinates for a three-dimensional model (column 1, lines 5-15) wherein **absolute position control** is provided as one of the possible mappings (column 8, lines 22-37; column 7, lines 41-50, figure 8 at 108, 110; column 3, lines 63 through column 4, lines 11).

Thus, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine Hall, Shouen and Balakrishnan's inventions while the combination of Hall and Shouen teach how to calculate and determine the three-dimensional position in three-dimensional coordinates of a position based on a positional relationship between a position of the designation means and a position of the coordinate input device (*see generally* column 6, lines 30-57, figure 4a, 4b), Balakrishnan teaches a means for inputting an absolute three-dimensional position in three-dimensional coordinates (column 8, lines 22-37; column 7, lines 41-50, figure 8 at 108, 110; column 3, lines 63 through column 4, lines 11). The motivation for combining these inventions would have been to provide a system that allows the ease of use and position control of a mouse but does not require the need for the separate actions to control the third dimension as in the mouse (column 2, lines 20-24).

Furthermore, Balakrishnan teaches how to transfer the absolute three-dimensional position to the host device by teaching how the absolute coordinates are chosen (column 7, lines 41-50) such that the computer system 104 reads the coordinates and tilt from tablet 108 and then converts the coordinates and tilt three-dimensional cursor position wherein the coordinates

are **provided** to a conventional display process which moves the cursor accordingly (column 7, lines 52-58, figures 1 & 9 at 104).

Regarding **independent claims 49, 64** and **79,** and for **claims 50-53, 56 and 65-68** and **71,** *Hall* teaches an invention that relates to the field of position and orientation-sensing devices embedded into a handheld remote pointer or mouse adapted for use as a cursor or object control device (column 4, lines 3-6) for interactive systems which provides X, Y and Z axis signal processed output (column 5, lines 34-48).

Furthermore, *Hall* teaches a designation means having a light emission device for designating a three-dimensional position by teaching a high intensity infrared light emitting diode (4) (hereinafter: LED1) mounted under a card 1' such that LED1 acts as the link between the device and a receiver mounted in a computer (column 6, lines 62-67 through column 7, line 1, figure 2 at 1', 4).

Furthermore, *Hall* teaches a pair of Hall-effect sensors (6) and a pair of piezoelectric sensors (9) which provide the primary yaw, pitch and roll angular detection and bearing sensing capability of the device wherein microprocessor (8) interprets the individual signals from the sensors and the button and relays the control signals to the receiver via infrared LED1 (4) (column 7, lines 3-23, figure 2 at 4, 6, 8, 9).

Also, *Hall* teaches a photoreception device by teaching a high intensity light emitting diode 4 (LED1) which acts as the link between the device and a receiver mounted in the

interactive control unit, TV or computer (column 6, lines 62-67 *through* column 7, line 1, figure 2 at 4).

Furthermore, *Hall* teaches a binarization means for binarizing an output signal by teaching an A/D conversion means (85) that enables the input device to achieve position and orientation sensing which contain device output parameters (column 10, lines 58-66).

Furthermore, *Hall* teaches a calculation means by teaching piezoelectric sensors that when used in conjunction with Hall-Effect sensors, calculates the angular vector and allows translational and rotational orientation information to be accurately discerned (column 9, lines 21-29).

Furthermore, *Hall* teaches how to synchronize light from the light emitting device and the LED1 by teaching a microprocessor (8) that interprets the individual signals from the sensors and the button and relays the control signals to the receiver via infrared LED1 (4) (column 7, lines 3-23, figure 2 at 4, 6, 8, 9).

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positions of the light-emitting and detecting units 17e and 17f are moved to the coordinate points a2 (xa', za') and b2 (xb', zb'), respectively (*see* column 6, lines 38-53, figure 4b at 1, 17e, 17f; *see generally* column 6, lines 30-57, figure 4a, 4b). The movement amounts of the light-emitting and detecting unit 17e are then **computed** as (xa-xa') and (za-za'), respectively (column 6, lines 50-53, 4b).

Thus, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine Hall and Shouen's inventions because while Hall teaches an invention that relates to the field of position and orientation-sensing devices embedded into a handheld remote pointer or mouse having a light emission device for designating a three-dimensional position, a pair of Hall-effect sensors (6), and piezoelectric sensors, Shouen teaches how to calculate and determine the three-dimensional position in three-dimensional coordinates of a position based on a positional relationship between a position of the designation means and a position of the coordinate input device (*see generally* column 6, lines 30-57, figure 4a, 4b). The motivation for combining these inventions would have been to provide a multi-dimensional coordinate input apparatus which can carry out, in a simple manner, the inputting of coordinates on each plane in the multi-dimensional space, and the inputting of a rotational angle or inclination of each plane (column 1, lines 59-63).

However, neither Hall nor Shouen teach a means for inputting an absolute three-dimensional position in three-dimensional coordinates. On the other hand, Balakrishnan teaches this concept by teaching an invention that is directed to a system for inputting three-dimensional (3-D) coordinates for a three-dimensional model (column 1, lines 5-15) wherein

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Thus, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine Hall, Shouen and Balakrishnan's inventions while the combination of Hall and Shouen teach how to calculate and determine the three-dimensional position in three-dimensional coordinates of a position based on a positional relationship between a position of the designation means and a position of the coordinate input device (*see generally* column 6, lines 30-57, figure 4a, 4b), Balakrishnan teaches a means for inputting an absolute three-dimensional position in three-dimensional coordinates (column 8, lines 22-37; column 7, lines 41-50, figure 8 at 108, 110; column 3, lines 63 through column 4, lines 11).. The motivation for combining these inventions would have been to provide a system that allows the ease of use and position control of a mouse but does not require the need for the separate actions to control the third dimension as in the mouse (column 2, lines 20-24).

Furthermore, Balakrishnan teaches how to transfer the absolute three-dimensional position to the host device by teaching how the absolute coordinates are chosen (column 7, lines 41-50) such that the computer system 104 reads the coordinates and tilt from tablet 108 and then converts the coordinates and tilt three-dimensional cursor position wherein the coordinates are **provided** to a conventional display process which moves the cursor accordingly (column 7, lines 52-58, figures 1 & 9 at 104).

Regarding **claims 2, 12, 23, 36, 54** and **69,** in further discussion of claims 1, 11, 22, 35, 49 and 64, *Hall* teaches a plurality of line sensors by teaching a pair of Hall-effect sensors (6)

and a pair of piezoelectric sensors (9) which provide the primary yaw, pitch and roll angular detection and bearing sensing capability of the device wherein microprocessor (8) interprets the individual signals from the sensors and the button and relays the control signals to the receiver via infrared LED1 (4) (column 7, lines 3-23, figure 2 at 4, 6, 8, 9).

4. **Claims 3, 5-10, 13, 15-20, 24, 26-33, 37, 39-46, 55, 57-63, 70** and **72-78** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hall et al* (U.S. Patent 5,703,623) in view of *Shouen* (U.S. 5,619,231), and further in view of *Balakrishnan* (U.S. 6,115,028), as in claims 1, 11, 22, 35, 49 and 64 above, and further in view of *Isoguchi et al* (U.S. 5,146,353).

Regarding **claims 3, 5-10, 13, 15-20, 24, 26-30, 37 39-43, 55, 57-61, 70** and **72-76**, in further discussion of claims 1, 11, 22, 35, 49 and 64, *Hall, Shouen* and *Balakrishnan* do not teach a shutter which is turned on and off. On the other hand, *Isoguchi* teaches a shutter of CCD (35) located in the design of a video camera (1) and a remote control switch box (14) such that the CCD (35) opens so that a photographic object can be photographed and electric charge can be accumulated at each pixel (column 7, lines 25-36). This enables a recording gate to be tuned on synchronously with so that charge accumulated in the CCD (35) may be processed (column 7, lines 25-36).

Thus, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine *Hall, Shouen, Balakrishnan* and *Isoguchi* because while the combination of *Hall, Shouen* and *Balakrishnan* teach an invention that relates to the field of position and orientation-sensing devices embedded into a handheld remote pointer or mouse adapted for use as a cursor or object control device (column 4, lines 3-6), *Isoguchi* teaches a shutter of CCD (35) located in the design of a video camera (1) and a remote control switch box (14) such that a recording gate may be

tuned on synchronously with so that charge accumulated in the CCD (35) may be processed (column 7, lines 25-36). The motivation for combining these inventions would have been to provide a means by which an image data may be recorded and played back in an electronic device (column 1, lines 38-46).

Regarding **claims 31, 44, 62 and 77**, in further discussion of claims 26, 39, 57 and 72, *Isoguchi* teaches how CCD (35) opens so that a photographic object can be photographed and electric charge can be accumulated at each pixel (column 7, lines 25-36). This enables a recording gate to be tuned on synchronously with so that charge accumulated in the CCD (35) may be processed (column 7, lines 25-36).

Regarding **claims 32, 33, 45, 46, 63** and **78**, in further discussion of claims 24, 37, 55 and 70, *Hall* teaches in FIG. 7 a functional block diagram illustrating the overall operation of sensing circuit for a remote control device wherein signals from the Hall-Effect 14 and piezoelectric 15 sensors or the pressure-sensitive button switch 16 are transmitted to the onboard processor 17 (column 7, lines 55-60, figure 7).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims **80-83, 85-90** and **92-94** are allowed.

6. **Claims 34** and **47,** are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's amendments and arguments filed September 9, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

With respect to independent claims 1, 11, 21, 22, 35, 48, 49, 64 and 79, Applicant amended these claims to include the feature of a transferring means for transferring the absolute three-dimensional position to the host device. Applicant then argues that Hall, Shouen and Balakrishnan fail to teach how to input an absolute three-dimensional position of a designation device by detecting an absolute three-dimensional coordinates based on values corresponding to positions where a light is emitted by the light emission unit on the plurality of sensors. Examiner disagrees with Applicant's assertions on this issue. This is because *Hall* teaches an position and orientation-sensing devices in mouse adapted for use as a cursor or object control device (column 4, lines 3-6) for interactive systems which provides X, Y and Z axis signal processed output (column 5, lines 34-48) wherein a photoreception device via light emitting diode 4 (LED1) acts as the link between the device and a receiver mounted in the interactive control unit, TV or computer (column 6, lines 62-67 *through* column 7, line 1, figure 2 at 4).

The essence of Shouen is to teach how to calculate and determine the three-dimensional position in three-dimensional coordinates of a position based on a positional relationship between a position of the designation means and a position of the coordinate input device (*see* column 6, lines 38-53, figure 4b at 1, 17e, 17f; *see generally* column 6, lines 30-57, figure 4a, 4b).

Also, an essence of Balakrishnan is to teach a means for inputting an absolute three-dimensional position in three-dimensional coordinates (*see* column 8, lines 22-37; column 7, lines 41-50, figure 8 at 108, 110; column 3, lines 63 through column 4, lines 11). Furthermore, Balakrishnan addresses Applicant newly amended feature of a transferring means for transferring the absolute three-dimensional position to the host device, by teaching how the absolute coordinates are chosen (column 7, lines 41-50) such that the computer system 104 reads the coordinates and tilt from tablet 108 and then converts the coordinates and tilt three-dimensional cursor position wherein the coordinates are **provided** to a conventional display process which moves the cursor accordingly (column 7, lines 52-58, figures 1 & 9 at 104). The motivation for combining Hall, Shouen and Balakrishnan's inventions would have been to provide a system that allows the ease of use and position control of a mouse but does not require the need for the separate actions to control the third dimension as in the mouse (column 2, lines 20-24).

As such, Applicant's amendments and arguments with respect to independent claims 1, 11, 21, 22, 35, 48, 49, 64 and 79, and their respective dependent claims still fail to place these claims in a condition for allowance .

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Uchendu O. Anyaso whose telephone number is (703) 306-5934. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steve Saras, can be reached at (703) 305-9720.

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